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| In re Application of: |) | |
| Calmer, Marion |) | |
| Serial No.: 10/623,322 |) | Examiner: Torres, Alicia M. |
| Filed: 02/28/2003 |) | |
| For: Penetrating Stalk Rolls |) | Art Unit: 3671 |
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Dear Ms. Torres:

Applicant submits this amendment in response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2004. Applicant requests the Examiner review the original claims 1-20 again in light of Applicant's arguments. Per the Examiner's direction in the office action, Applicant has also included new claims 21-40 further incorporating the patent specification disclosure.

CLAIMS

Applicant encloses a claim listing as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.121 including previously presented claims 1-20. Typographical and spelling errors in Claims 1-20 as previously presented have been corrected. Claims 21-41 are newly presented.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 6 and 7, 9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Russell (U.S. Pat. #3,304,702) in view of Lundahl (U.S. Patent #5,309,702); claims 4 and 5 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Russell and Lundahl in view of Calmer (U.S. Patent #5,704,202); claims 8 and 10 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Russell and Lundahl, further in view of Sutton; Claims 11, 12 and 15-19 are then rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable based on Sutton in view of Lundahl and further in view of Calmer.